

## The Office of the Governor **Proclamation**

Executive Department State of Idaho State Capitol Boise

WHEREAS, one of Idaho's greatest treasures is the exceptional environment that we share and enjoy; and

WHEREAS, a healthy environment, good air quality, and clean water protect public health and are essential to our quality of life and long-term economic growth; and

WHEREAS, pollution prevention is an approach to environmental protection that focuses on prevention, conservation, efficiency, and collaboration and is therefore a preferable strategy for protecting our environment; and

WHEREAS, pollution prevention can save businesses money, offering both environmental protection and increased economic competitiveness; and

WHEREAS, businesses, government, and organizations have collaborated through the GEMStars Program, which recognizes those organizations that have voluntarily achieved significant waste reduction and pollution prevention; and

WHEREAS, National Pollution Prevention Week is an opportunity for Idaho's government, industry, and environmental organizations to recognize the potential of pollution prevention and to work together to plan for a prosperous and sustainable future;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES E. RISCH, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim September 18-24, 2006 to be

## NATIONAL POLLUTION PREVENTION WEEK

in Idaho.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 12th day of September in the year of our Lord two-thousand and six and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-first and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred seventeenth.

JAMES E. RISCH GOVERNOR

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